

characters which run round the inside
 of the cupola*
 On the left-hand wall as one enters, a
 ground of
 mosaics represents the Admiral
 himself, kneeling
 at the feet of the Virgin; on the right
 hand King
 Roger himself is represented being
 crowned by
 Christ. The head and hands of the
 Admiral are
 those of the original mosaic; he is
 represented as a
 man of aquiline and even Semitic
 features with
 long white beard and hair. What has
 long been a
 Latin church was founded as Greek,*
 the Admiral
 installed Orthodox clergy in it, and the
 rites were
 performed in Greek until the
 pontificate of Hon-
 orius III. The Martorana remains
 one of the
 best types of those churches to which
 Norman,
 Arabic, and Greek craftsmen
 contributed each
 their part under the Norman kings,,
 and is a
 fitting memorial to that adventurer
 who began as
 an obscure Greek Levantine., his
 life as an
 associate or foe of the Moslems, as
 the
 right hand of the Norman King,
 • In 1152, George of Antioch was no
 more, and a
 successor was needed for the new
 situation in
 Moslem Africa, In that year Abd-el-
 Moumen,
 chief of the fanatical. Almohadea,
 pushed his arms
 as far east as Constantin-e, and likely
 to

add the independent of the
to
his empire of Algeria* Both the
surviving princes
of the old dynasties and the Norman
fell tinder the shadow of his advance,
Al*Harit,
prince of Bona, had to Ms
before
him, and turned to aid from
Roger, Hie